

the people moving too? If you will look in the left hand corner you will notice that that quadron has increased from 11% to 31%. Gentlemen there is no other....and Senator Marsh, there is no other way to state it except the fact that the leadership of the city of Omaha has moved into one small area of the city and for that reason we have divided schools, we have a divided city and it reflects itself in this legislature, I don't need to tell any of you good people about the split and fighting between the Omaha delegation. I say not only for the benefit of Omaha for the benefit of the entire state. Help bring us together so that we can have unity. There isn't a person in this body who would want this to be the situation in their own tow. We wouldn't want it in Alliance, we wouldn't want it in Grand Island we wouldn't want it in York or Norfolk, or Sidney or any other city. What is good for all should be good for everyone. With no exceptions. And, this is the only exception within the entire state. I would like to close by again saying that I want you to give me this vote and when you do and it is placed on General File I will offer an amendment so that the citizens can vote upon it and nobody will be forced to do anything and I have faith in the people. If they decide against any type of joining together that will be the last time I will ever raise the issue, either on this floor or in the court. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, in this order. Senator Warner, Senator Proud, Senator Fellman, and Senator Nore.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to explain the committee action. If you read the committee report you will see that the consensus of the committee was that the bill as it was being considered at that time was that there would probably be no general improvements relative to the problems that were explained at the hearing in-as-much as a great deal of the testimony dealt with Senator Stahmer has presently pointing out some economical, some racial questions within the city and that if these were changed, if the districts were changed the same problems would exist as probably as now and that merely redrawing the boundaries would not affect it. I do also want to add however that the proposition that Senator Stahmer has offered as an amendment was not discussed by the committee and was not proposed to the committee so there was no consideration in that light.

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, Senator Stahmer's motives are pure and he is idealistic. The facts of the matter are as I see them and I also am from the city of Omaha, the great and vast majority of the citizens do not want this merger. I have heard from plenty of them that don't want it. I have heard from very few that want it. In my humble opinion if you merge those two school districts you would in effect destroy both of them. Now what sense does that make? If the Omaha School Districts were not a good school district in comparison to other school districts of this size, and if 66 were so much better and the inequality were so great between them, that would be a little bit different, but the fact of the matter is that

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